

Subject
Response to 5/22/06 Memo

Good afternoon Karen,

I am responding, on behalf of the CCCW (Community Care of Central WI) consortia, to your recent memo re Local Stakeholder participation in the planning for LTC expansion.

CCCW represents Marathon, Wood and Portage counties in their effort to expand the Family Care benefit to all eligible residents located in this region. Family Care currently operates in Portage County, serving approximately 880 members at the present time. Stakeholders have served on a variety of workgroups, committees, and as individual advocates in Portage County over the last 7 years of operation, including positions on the Local Long Term Care Council and CMO (Care Mgt. Organization). The CMO in Portage County is Community Care of Portage County.

Stakeholder involvement was discussed in some detail at our last bi monthly Transition Planning Committee meeting. This committee consists of county board supervisors and agency directors from each of the 3 counties, and is focused in on Governance options at the present time.

We have engaged UW Extension from Portage, Wood, and Marathon counties in the facilitation of this Committee, and will be discussing their likely role in the education and development of stakeholder input in our planning process.

The Transition Planning Committee, in regards to it's meetings, plans to:

- Provide greater distribution of Committee minutes to stakeholders, including LLTCC and COP Planning Committees.
- Provide an opportunity for public comment at each meeting.
- Publish meeting notices in all 3 counties...currently published in county where meeting is held.
- Provide information to affected county staff through Department Heads.

Regional consortium access and educational workgroups are in the process of being formed, and may provide opportunities for stakeholders to provide input into the planning process.

We anticipate future opportunities being available for stakeholders in the areas of Governance, Quality Assurance; Self Directed Supports development and expansion; Member Handbook review; and member services reviews in the areas of Member Rights, Responsibilities and Grievance/Appeals Processes.

I hope this is the information you were seeking. Please let me know if you need additional information re our efforts in this area.

Jim Canales